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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2905

INFO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 4710

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS MARR PBOR BFOR GV US

SUBJECT: PLANNED US MILITARY AIRCRAFT FLIGHT OFF GUINEAN COAST

REF: A. USDAO MONROVIA 0407 (NOTAL)

B. AMEMBASSY CONAKRY 1244

1. REF A NOT INTENDED TO REQUEST CLEARANCE THROUGH GUINEA'S CLAIMED TERRITORIAL SEA, REF A WAS INTENDED TO ADVISE AMEMBASSY CONAKRY OF THE FLIGHT AND ITS PURPOSE IN THE EVENT SERIOUS EMERGENCY OCCURS REQUIRING LANDING IN GUINEA.

2. BASIC FLIGHT SAFETY AND PRUDENT OPERATIONS MAKE COASTAL FLIGHT MOST DESIRABLE. EXTENSIVE OVERWATER FLIGHT WITH ATTENDANT LACK OF NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, BACKUP COMMUNICATIONS AND SEARCH AND RESCUE FACILITIES SEVERELY LIMITS ALTERNATIVES IN THE EVENT OF SERIOUS AIRCRAFT EMERGENCY. THE USDAO C117 AIRCRAFT ALTHOUGH IN EXCELLENT CONDITION IS OLD AND DOES NOT PROVIDE THE FLEXIBILITY OF EQUIPMENT OR PERFORMANCE OF MORE MODERN AIRCRAFT.

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3. IF SATISFACTORY, THE FLIGHT WILL PROCEED FROM FREETOWN

TO 0900N/1600W THEN TO 1200N/1700W THEN RESUME APPROVED
ROUTING WHEN WELL CLEAR OF PORTUGUESE GUINEA. THIS
ROUTE IS OPENING OR PARALLELING THE GUINEA COAST AT
ALL TIMES. THE CLOSEST POINT OF APPROACH ON THE
PARALLEL LEG IS 85 MILES AT THE NORTHERN BORDER.
FURTHER DEVIATION IS POSSIBLE IF NECESSARY.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENTS COMMENTS ON THE
ADVISABILITY OF CONTINUING WIDE AVOIDANCE OF THE GUINEA
COAST IN FUTURE FLIGHTS.
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